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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 17, 2007.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1-8, and Group II, including Claims 9-14.

We hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1 - 8, without traverse. Claims 9 - 14 are cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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